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The items identified in this IDS may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. The submission thereof by Applicant(s) is not to be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 CFR § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 USC § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicant(s) as such.

**1. Timing of the Information Disclosure Statement:**

☐ This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), that is (1) with the new patent application submitted herein (37 CFR § 1.97(a)); or (2) within three months of the filing date of the application, which is not a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d) or (3) within three months of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491; or (4) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or (5) before the mailing of a first Office action after filing a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Thus, no fee is required.

☐ However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), if applicable, and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the deposit account referenced below.

☐ However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), if applicable, and a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required.

☒ This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), that is after mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e):**

☐ That each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS; or

☐ That no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

**2. Copies of the Cited Items:**

☐ Copies of all of the items listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are enclosed.

☒ Copies of only the following items listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A (Item No. 2) and PTO/SB/08B (Item Nos. 1 - 2) are enclosed.

☒ Copies of the following items listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A (Item No. 1) is not enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i).

☐ Copies of the following documents listed in PTO/SB/08A (Item Nos. \*) and PTO/SB/08B (Item Nos. \*) are not supplied as they were previously cited by the Office or submitted in Information Disclosure Statements in related applications (Application No. \*, filed \*) and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC § 120. See 37 CFR § 1.98(d). The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

☐ Copies of the following items listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A (Item Nos. \*) and PTO/SB/08B (Item Nos. \*) were cited in a foreign examination report in a related case.

A copy of the search report and the cited references not already of record in this application are attached hereto.

**3. Concise Explanation of Relevance:**

☒ A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is not given.

☐ A concise explanation of relevance of [some of] the items listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references (copy attached).

**4. Related Applications:**

☐ Applicant(s) brings to the Office's attention the following related application(s):  
U.S. Patent Application No. \* filed \*, now U.S. Patent No. \*.

**5. Conclusion:**

Citation of the above documents shall not be construed as:

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2. a representation that a search has been made, other than as described above;  
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3. an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

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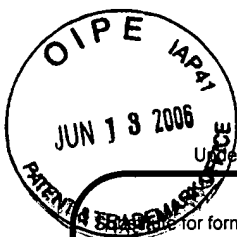
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Respectfully submitted,

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